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SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.

CLERK: A motion on the desk, Mr. President. The first amendment is offered by Senator Bereuter. It is found on page 757 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I would like to ask my colleagues to refer to page 757 of the Legislative Journal. I would amend the bill on page 18, line 4 by inserting language which would provide for coordination between the Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska State Historical Society. Specifically, when the Game Commission would be undertaking matters relating to historic restoration, historic and archeological research, interpretive planning, design and reconstruction related thereto, such contracts would have to be approved by the Nebraska State Historical Society. We have a long history in this state of noncooperation between the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska State Historical Society and I must say that in my opinion most of the burden for that noncooperation does fall upon the Game and Parks Commission. Ever since I had any involvement with the State Government which is some eight or nine years ago, we have had a continuing feud between these two agencies. We have had the Game and Parks Commission ignoring the potential resources available through the Nebraska State Historical Society on matters of historic preservation or restoration. Intentional feuding, childish conduct on our State Parks and it has come to the point where finally we had a study undertaken through joint action of a number of state agencies including those two state agencies through a consultant, Mr. Mattes. His report was presented to this body and to the Executive Branch approximately two months ago. He did propose specific language to once and for all end this feud related to historic preservation on our State parks and on historic sites. I introduced that legislation through LB 835. It had very substantial report in hearings, but as usual, the Game and Parks Commission came in and objected to the provision. With the Game and Parks Commission, there is no compromise. I must say for an agency that has some extraordinarily talented people, among the most talented state personnel in state government today, the Commission has continued to thwart historic development activities in this state. I think their only solution would be to develop two historical societies, one in the Game and Parks Commission related to historic structures on their property and then the State Historical Society acting in the rest of the state. That bill was killed. I have a motion to return it to the floor pending. Senator Syas was good enough to come to me this morning and I appreciate that and point out that what I am attempting to do with this amendment is unconstitutional in that it is writing specific language into an appropriation bill which is contrary or at least not